## **Data Source Documentation**

Indicator	Food access, households
Demographic	Wisconsin households
Group	
Numerator	The number of Wisconsin Current Population Survey (CPS) respondents whose households were defined as food-insecure based on answers to the CPS Food Security Scale. (The CPS interviews one adult respondent per household.)
Denominator	The number of Wisconsin CPS respondents (who provided information about households) for the relevant year or years.
Details about Data Item	At the conceptual level, food insecurity is defined as limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods, or limited or uncertain ability to acquire adequate foods in socially acceptable ways. Hunger is defined conceptually as involuntary, i.e., hunger that results from being unable to afford enough food.
	At the operational level, food insecurity and hunger are measured in the Current Population Survey using the CPS Household Food Security Scale, which classifies all households as food secure, food insecure without hunger, or food insecure with hunger. Classification is derived from responses to a series of 18 questions about conditions and behaviors known to characterize households that have difficulty meeting basic food needs. Households classified as food insecure without hunger are those that report multiple indications of food access problems, but few or no indications of actual reduced food intake. Those classified as food insecure with hunger report multiple indications of reduced food intake and disrupted eating patterns due to inadequate resources.
Other Data	In the tables, the 95% confidence interval (the "+/-"columns) indicates the range in which 95 of 100 identical surveys would estimate the percent insured for 12 months. Add the confidence interval to the estimated percent to find the high boundary, and subtract it to find the low boundary. Smaller numbers of cases in the denominator produce larger confidence intervals.  The Current Population Survey is a monthly probability survey of
Information	approximately 56,000 households conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The CPS is designed to measure demographic and labor force characteristics of the civilian, non-institutional population of the United States. The CPS uses computer-assisted interviewing methods and samples housing units from lists of addresses obtained from the decennial census. Weighted CPS data are representative at the state and national levels. The annual number of CPS interviews in Wisconsin is approximately 2,600 to 2,700. The CPS Food Security Supplement is administered during one month of each year.
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	economic information, including the report on food insecurity, to the United
	States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
Reference	The 12 months preceding the CPS respondent's interview.
Time Period	
Data Source	Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.
	<ul> <li>Household Food Security in the United States, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004         Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture.         (http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/fanrr29/)         (http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/fanrr35/)         (http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/fanrr42/)         (http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/err11/)</li> <li>"Food Insecurity in Wisconsin, 1996-2000." Judi Bartfeld and Cecile David. Special Report Number 86, Institute for Research on Poverty. University of Wisconsin-Madison.         (http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/irp/sr/srlist.htm)</li> </ul>
Additional Information	Additional information about the Current Population Survey is available at <a href="http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/cpsmain.htm">http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/cpsmain.htm</a> .
	Additional information about the Economic Research Service is available at <a href="http://www.ers.usda.gov/AboutERS/Overview.htm">http://www.ers.usda.gov/AboutERS/Overview.htm</a> .
	Additional information about the Institute for Research on Poverty is available at <a href="http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/irp/aboutirp.htm">http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/irp/aboutirp.htm</a> .